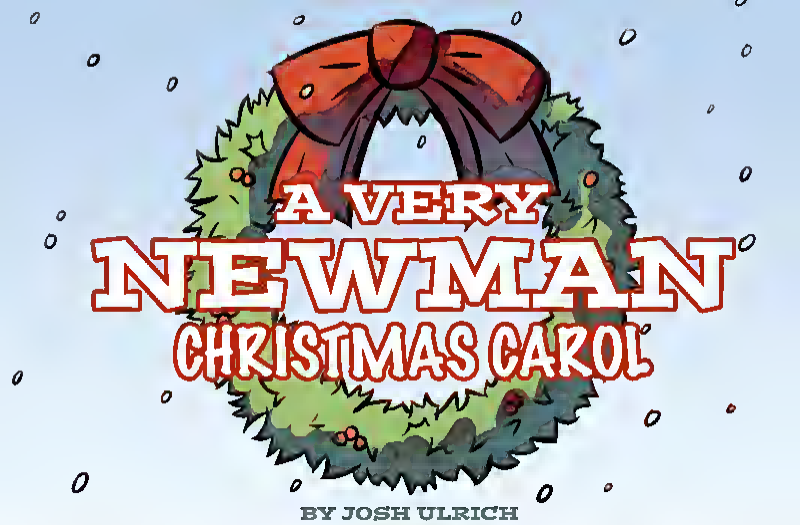

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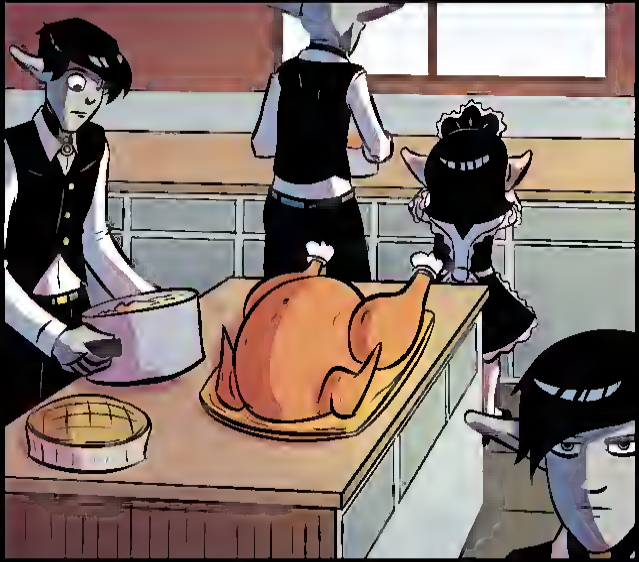
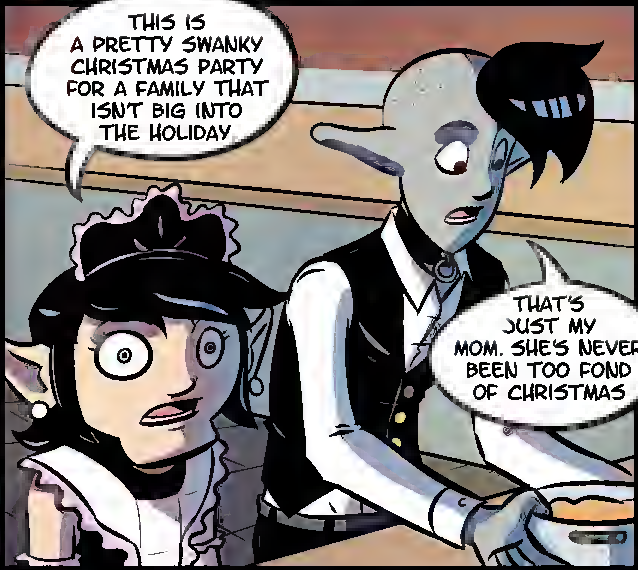



THIS IS A PRETTY SWANKY CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR A FAMILY THAT ISN'T BIG INTO THE HOLIDAY
THAT'S JUST MY MOM. SHE'S NEVER BEEN TOO FOND OF CHRISTMAS

WHY NOT?
I DON'T KNOW. SHE DOESN'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

SO WHY THE CHANGE THIS YEAR?
THE FAMILY TALKED HER INTO IT AS A WAY TO GET EVERYONE TOGETHER AND HAVE A TRADITIONAL DROW DINNER. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALL IN HERE WORKING AND COOKING

THAT'S WHY?
WELL... THIS IS EXTRA TRADITIONAL.

SO GWEN TALKED YOU INTO WEARING THAT, HUH?
YEAH, WELL, IT'S CHRISTMAS AND MY SPINE HAS SHRUNK THREE SIZES THIS YEAR. I'M KIND OF SHOCKED NOBODY HAS MADE FUN OF ME YET.

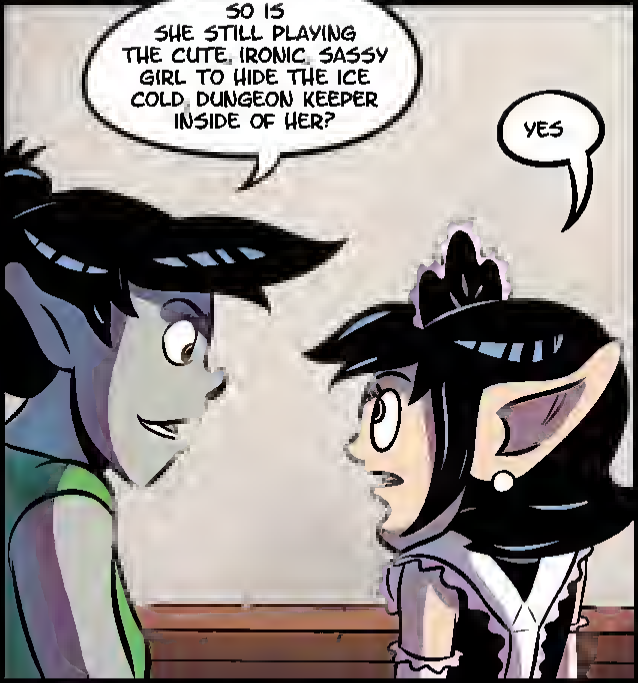
OH, DUDE. THERE IS NO JUDGEMENT HERE. WE'VE ALL DONE MORE HUMILIATING THINGS THAN WE CAN COUNT.
BUT WHY IS THAT? WHAT IS WRONG WITH US?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WHILE YOU GRAPPLE WITH YOUR LIFE CHOICES, GO TAKE THESE ROLLS TO THE TABLE.

LET ME GUESS. YOU MUST BELONG TO GWEN.

WHAT GAVE ME AWAY?
GWEN, YOU ADORABLE WEIRDO. YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT

NEWMAN, THIS IS MY SISTER ASHLEY
NICE TO MEET YOU
LIKEWISE


SO IS SHE STILL PLAYING THE CUTE, IRONIC, SASSY GIRL TO HIDE THE ICE COLD DUNGEON KEEPER INSIDE OF HER?
YES

HEY! I'M THE LEAST DEMANDING WOMAN AT THIS TABLE!
I'VE GIVEN THIS GIRL SO MANY PEDICURES I'VE BECOME A PROFESSIONAL. SERIOUSLY, I GOT LICENCED JUST TO PROVE IT.
SHE CAN'T GO TO A NAIL SALON BECAUSE THEY WONT KISS HER FEET.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU LOVE IT.

AND WHATEVER KATHRYN MAKES DARIAN ORGANIZE HER SHOE CLOSET BY TASTE SO I'M PRACTICALLY A SAINT
IT'S A GOOD SYSTEM
HAH! GROSS

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR SHOES. I'M TOO BUSY WITH THE ONES YOU KEEP BUYING ME.
I LIKE THIS ONE, GWEN. HE'S A KEEPER. NOT LIKE THE LAST ONE

HOLD UP, LAST ONE!? YOU SAID YOU NEVER HAD ANY OTHER BOYFRIENDS!
I DIDN'T!

YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT KEVIN!?
KEVIN DOESN'T COUNT!

HAHA HAHA!
WHO'S KEVIN?
NOBODY!

I'LL TELL YOU LATER. IT'S HILAROUS
IT'S NOT HILARIOUS
IT IS

I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW EXCITED I AM TO HEAR THIS STORY.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN THE KITCHEN, DOING... I DON'T KNOW, SLAVE THINGS?

THIS IS FUN. WHY DON'T WE GET TOGETHER MORE OFTEN?

WELCOME EVERYONE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL HERE FOR THIS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.
TINK
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BEFORE WE EAT, MOM IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY?

OK, WELL... DIG IN!

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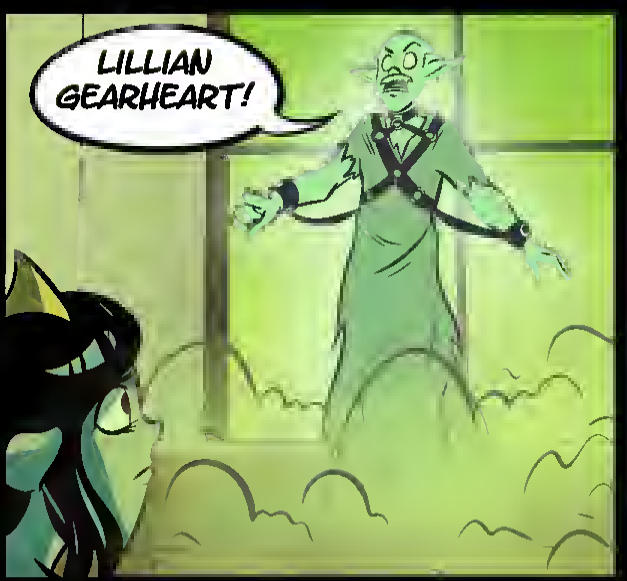
LILLIAN GEARHEART!

YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE TRUE JOY OF CHRISTMAS! AND ON THIS NIGHT YOU WILL BE VISITED BY--

AUGH!
SHUNK!

THAT'S MY FATHER

AUUGHHH
I AM SO SORRY!

UGH... THAT BURNS. TRYIN' TA' DO YOU PEOPLE A FAVOR.

AUUGHHH...
AHEM
LILLIAN --!

YOU KNOW WHAT, THE MOMENT IS GONE LILLIAN. SWEETIE, YOUVE BEEN A TOTAL GRUMP EVERY CHRISTMAS. SO SOME SPIRITS ARE GOING TO VISIT YOU AND TEACH YOU SOME LIFE LESSONS AND ALL THAT STUFF

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU DEAR.
I WISH YOU WOULD WRITE MORE. YOUR MOTHER AND I WORRY.
BUT YOURE DEAD.

WE CAN STILL READ!

EXPECT THE FIRST GHOST WHEN THE BELL TOLLS SEVEN!

SEVEN?
NOT EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT MIDNIGHT

FAN ART!

BY SHANE

THANKS SHANE!

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